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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An analyzing tool comprising:
a reaction space in which a particular component of a sample and a reagent react with each other; and
a reagent portion which is arranged in the reaction space and which dissolves when the sample is supplied to the reaction space[(:)],
wherein the reagent portion includes a first part and a second part facing each other and provided on [[a]] defining surfaces ~~that defining~~ define the reaction space,
wherein the reagent comprises a color-developing reagent, and
wherein both of the first part and the second part contain the color-developing reagent.
2. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 1, wherein the first part and the second part are separated from each other.
3. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 1, wherein the first part and the second part differ from each other in composition.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) The analyzing tool according to claim 1,
wherein the defining ~~surface-surfaces~~ includes-include a first ~~region-surface~~ [[at]]on which the first part is provided, and a second ~~region-surface~~ [[at]] on which the second part is provided, the second ~~region-surface~~ facing the first region-surface in a direction normal to the first ~~regionsurface~~ [:)], and

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wherein a facing distance between the first ~~region-surface~~ and the second ~~region surface~~ is no greater than 300 μ m.

6. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 5, wherein the facing distance is no smaller than 30 μ m.

7. (Currently Amended) The analyzing tool according to claim 5, further comprising a first plate member in which the first ~~region-surface~~ is included, and a second plate member in which the second ~~region-surface~~ is included, the second plate member defining the reaction space together with the first plate member.

8. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 7, further comprising a spacer for bonding the first plate member and the second plate member to each other and defining the reaction space together with the plate members;

wherein the facing distance is determined by the spacer.

9. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 1, wherein the reaction space is designed to move the sample by a capillary force generated in the reaction space.

10. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 1, wherein blood is used as the sample.

11-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) An analyzing tool comprising a reaction space in which a particular component of a sample reacts with a reagent and provides a color signal that corresponds to an amount of ~~for analyzing~~ the particular component ~~of a sample and is measured~~ by colorimetry,

wherein the reaction space is defined by ~~[[a]]~~ defining ~~surface-surfaces~~ which ~~includes~~include: a reagent retaining ~~region-surface that retains~~ ~~for retaining~~ a reagent, which comprises a color-developing reagent; and a facing ~~region-surface~~ which faces the

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reagent retaining ~~region~~surface in a direction normal to the reagent retaining ~~region~~surface and which does not retain a reagent~~[[;]]~~, and

wherein a facing distance between the reagent retaining ~~region~~surface and the facing ~~region~~surface is no greater than 150 μ m.

17. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 16, wherein the facing distance is no greater than 100 μ m.

18. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 17, wherein the facing distance is no greater than 75 μ m.

19. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 16, wherein the facing distance is no smaller than 30 μ m.

20. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 16, wherein the reaction space is designed to move the sample.

21. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 20, wherein the reaction space is designed to move the sample by a capillary force generated in the reaction space.

22. (Currently Amended) The analyzing tool according to claim 16, further comprising a first plate member in which the reagent retaining ~~region~~surface is included, and a second plate member in which the facing ~~region~~surface is included, the second plate member defining the reaction space together with the first plate member.

23. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 22, further comprising a spacer for bonding the first plate member and the second plate member to each other and defining the reaction space together with the plate members;

wherein the facing distance is determined by the spacer.

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24. (Original) The analyzing tool according to claim 16, wherein blood that contains blood cells is used as the sample.